AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for displaying item collection previews, comprising:

at least one display object having metadata tags describing two or more data items in a collection of data items; ~~and~~

a control component configured to selectively animate a presentation of the items based in part on the metadata tags and detected user activities; and

global controls for collecting unrelated items in a set of items to subsequently preview the items.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising one or more controller inputs to control the presentation of the items.

3.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the controller inputs include at least one of a mouse cursor control, a mouse wheel control, a voice command, an eye-gaze control, and a mechanical control to control the presentation of items.

4.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the collection of data items further comprising a top item displayed as a thumbnail preview or an expanded size preview.

5.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a control to provide a transitional animation employed to visually link movement of an axial controller with a change in a displayed icon.

6.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a currently selected preview image, the currently selected preview image integrated with a collection icon as a reminder of collection contents.

7.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the control component further comprises at least one of an object locator, a command detector, a content analyzer, and a formatter to selectively animate the presentation of the items.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a graphical user interface to selectively animate the presentation of items.

9.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, the graphical user interface further comprising a set of preference controls configured to change, by type of item, preview visualizations and access behaviors associated therewith.

10.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the items include one or more subcomponents configured to be previewed, selected, or displayed.

11.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the items can be previewed in two dimensional or three dimensional form.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising controls to scale the items to be previewed.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a control to determine a rough position in a collection of items.

15.   (Original) A computer readable medium having computer readable instructions stored thereon for implementing at least one of the display object and the control component of claim 1.

16.   (Previously Presented) A system configured to facilitate information preview from a collection, comprising:

        means for displaying a set of information items;

        means for selecting the set of information items;

        means for detecting a value with respect to the set of information items; and

        means for previewing the information items based upon incrementing or decrementing the value.

17.   (Currently Amended) A method to facilitate information previews from a set of items, comprising:

        selecting a stack of display items with a first control; ~~and~~

        cycling the stack of display items with a second control in order to provide an information preview with respect to at least one of the items; and

        a third control for gathering dissimilar items in a set of items to consequently preview the items.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising providing a transitional display for at least two display items in accordance with the second control.

19.   (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising employing the first control to find an approximate position in the stack of display items.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, the information preview is associated with at least one of a display configured to be about the same size as the stack, smaller than the stack, and larger than the stack.

21.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first control is associated with a cursor which is controlled by a mouse and wherein the second control is associated with a wheel of the mouse.

22.   (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface, comprising:

    a display object for displaying a group of pages;

    a tag associated with each member page from the group of pages;

    a cursor to select the group of pages; ~~and~~

    an axial controller to cycle the group of pages using the associated tags; and

global controls for accumulating dissimilar items in a set of items to later preview the items.

23.   (Previously Presented) The graphical user interface of claim 22, wherein the axial controller causes a transition animation between pages when cycling the group of pages.